

THREE LOST IN HOTEL FIRE.

BODIES OF THE MARTIN FAMILY
IN MARANCOCK RUINS.

Parents Die Trying to Save Son—Hotel
Clerk Saves Many Persons and Is Him-
self So Badly Hurt That He May Die
—W. J. Maxwell of Brooklyn Injured.

MARANCOCK, Me., Aug. 26.—As the result
of the burning of Hotel Maranock early
this morning three people lost their lives
and a fourth, a young man, who for the
second time within thirty-six hours proved
himself a hero, is lying at a cottage here
in a critical condition.

It was not known until this forenoon
that any lives had been lost, but in hunting
over the ruins three charred bodies were
found which proved to be those of Mr.
and Mrs. E. A. Martin of Roseland, Mass.,
and their six-year-old boy, Spencer. The
hero of the occasion is Robert Dwyer Bout-
well, 17 years old of Malden, Mass., who
was clerk in the hotel. He is suffering from
burns and is believed to have contracted
pneumonia.

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ATLANTA'S MAYOR DEFIANT.

Majority of City Council Said to Be in
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ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 26.—The Common
Council of Atlanta is preparing a warm
reception for Mayor Woodward, who made
a scene at the municipality convention in
Toledo. This afternoon it was decided
to hold a special meeting of the Council
on Monday, when Mayor Woodward is ex-
pected to make his home. The special meet-
ing is called for the purpose of considering
the conduct of the Mayor, and it is said that
a majority of the Council is pledged to
work for the impeachment of Woodward.

The Mayor was still in Toledo this
afternoon and wired a message of
defiance which has increased the in-
dignation. Evidence is being procured
from officers of the Municipal League who
witnessed the outbreak of the Mayor to
support an impeachment.

Sentiment in favor of ousting the Mayor is
general. Versing this sentiment, the
Atlanta Journal this afternoon says:
"There would be no disposition on our
part to curtail the Mayor's bibulous pleas-
ures so long as he worships Bacchus in
private. If he gets drunk in his private
capacity it is his own business chiefly.
But in this case he was representing At-
lanta, and the Council should call him to
account for his failure to uphold the
dignity and prestige of Atlanta. Atlanta
wants the League of American Municipal-
ities to meet here next year. Is it any
wonder, after the scene created by At-
lanta's inebriated Mayor, that the propo-
sition was turned down as a rather humor-
ous proposal? Woodward has forced At-
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ODD CHARGE AGAINST WOMAN.

MAN ACCUSES HER OF STEALING
HIS POCKETBOOK.

Has Her Arrested on Elevated Train, and
Then Withdraws Complaint—Woman
Had Sat Next to Him—Missed Wallet
—Holds Up Train to Have Arrest Made.

Mrs. Florence M. Jackson of Sixteenth
and Wallace streets, Philadelphia, was
arrested at the Ninety-ninth street station
of the Third avenue elevated road last
night charged with stealing a pocketbook
containing \$27 from Alfred Cashner of
2078 Madison avenue. She was taken to
the East 104th street police station by De-
tective Gordon, but Cashner withdrew
his complaint and she was released.

Mrs. Jackson, who is a widow, was re-
turning from Bay Shore, L. I., with Mrs.
M. T. Patterson of 1226 North Park avenue,
Philadelphia, and David F. White of 214 West
126th street, who was a clerk under Mayors
Grace and Cooper.

They had been staying at Mr. White's
summer home at Bay Shore, and got on
the elevated train at Thirty-fourth street.
Mrs. Jackson sat next to Cashner. Mrs.
Patterson and White sat on the other side
of the car, directly opposite.

At Forty-second street Mrs. Jackson
crossed over and sat with the other two.
Cashner felt for his pocketbook and found
that it was gone.

Jumping to his feet, he pointed to Mrs.
Jackson, and said:
"Is this a joke?" asked Mr. White. "If
it is, it's one you won't pay for dearly. This
lady has no need to steal your pocketbook;
she has plenty of money."

Cashner insisted that Mrs. Jackson had
sat next to him, that he had the pocketbook
when he sat down and that Mrs. Jackson
must have taken it. Cashner insisted on
the guard stopping the train until a police-
man could be found to arrest Mrs. Jackson.
The car was well filled and passengers
became excited.

At Eighty-ninth street the motorman
began tooting a distress signal, and when
the train pulled into the Ninety-ninth street
station there were nine policemen and sev-
eral detectives waiting. A large crowd had
gathered in the street, expecting that re-
turning baseball enthusiasts had been
rioting on the train.

Cashner told the police his story and
Detective Gordon arrested Mrs. Jackson.
At the East 104th street station house
Mrs. Jackson demanded that she be
released. Cashner admitted he had
not, and was finally persuaded to withdraw
his complaint.

A large crowd had gathered outside
the station house and Mrs. Jackson became
frightened and then hysterical. After the
police had cleared the crowd she left with
Mr. White and Mrs. Patterson.

FAR ROCKAWAY BEACH SOLD.

New Yorkers Pay \$500,000 for It and Will
Spend as Much in Improvements.

Samuel Green, a real estate operator, of
35 Nassau street, Manhattan, with Mar-
tine Margenthau, president of the Hudson
Realty Company; Samuel Jacobs, treasurer
of the same company, and Senn Bros.,
closed a deal yesterday in which they
purchased from James Caffrey 1,500 feet of
ocean front in Far Rockaway, thirty acres of
upland, fifteen acres of meadow land, the
Kuloff Hotel and five cottages for \$500,000.
The property takes in the entire beach
front of Far Rockaway, and includes 3,000
bathing houses.

The new owners will tear down the
bathing houses and erect one of the largest
bathing pavilions in the United States. It
will also put up another big hotel, lay out
a fifteen acre park, and erect ten private
dwellings. These enterprises will involve
an outlay equal to the sum paid for the
property. Mr. Caffrey inherited the prop-
erty from his father. It has been in the
possession of his family for a hundred
years or more.

SURE TO GET ALL SIX OF HIM.

Police Chief Has Made Five Arrests From
Photographs of One Man Wanted.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

PARIS, Aug. 26.—The supporters of M.
Berthillon and his system of identification
of criminals are rejoicing over a con-
spicuous failure recently of photography
in this class of work. The headquarters of
the Paris police recently wanted a missing
thief and had proofs made of six photo-
graphs of the criminal, taken in different
positions. The various police stations in
the country received sets of the photo-
graphs.

Shortly after the receipt of the photo-
graphs one local chief of police wrote
the following to the headquarters in Paris:
"Photographs of the accused persons duly
to hand. I am happy to inform you that
I have arrested five of them, whom I am
retaining in cells. I am on the track of
the sixth, and will certainly capture him
before long."

PREY ON AMERICAN MOTORISTS.

Swiss Authorities Impose Excessive Fines
—Fessants Stone Touring Autos.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—American motorists
complain of the treatment they have re-
ceived in Switzerland, where a bitter anti-
motorist orage has broken out. All of them
received twenty-one complaints. The
Swiss authorities are likewise an-
tagonized by animosity toward the motorists,
and the American Consul at Bern in one
week received twenty-one complaints.
Americans have been fined as high as 500
francs for excessive speed when they were
not proceeding at more than four miles an
hour. A particularly outrageous case was
that of a motor car which followed a hay
cart for miles, when it was stopped and a
fine of 300 francs imposed. As half of the
fine goes to the prefect of police there is
little likelihood of this practice being
stopped.

DEWEY'S GRAPE JUICE AND CLARETS.

Are very refreshing Summer Drinks.
H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 125 Fulton St., New York.
—Ad.

IOWA WAS IN COLLISION, TOO.

Battleship Ran Into the Brenton Reef
Lighthouse.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 26.—In the thick
fog which prevailed off Newport on Thurs-
day last in which the battleship Kearsarge
collided with the schooner Gallop, the
battleship Iowa was also in collision, this
fact being made known to-day when Capt.
Fogarty of the Brenton Reef lighthouse
came to the city for the first time in a week.
Capt. Fogarty says that about five o'clock
on Thursday afternoon, when the fog was
the thickest, the battleship Iowa ran down
the lightship, striking her on the bow and
carrying away the stem of the lightship
seven feet above the level of the sea. Also
was a glancing one or the lightship would
have been sunk.

The Iowa was running at five knots at
the time, and after clearing the lightship
stood in toward Brenton Reef. The fog
was so thick that those on the lightship
could not hear the whistle of the battleship
and it is presumed that the lightship's
whistle could not be heard on the battle-
ship. Capt. Fogarty says that it will be
necessary to take his vessel off the station
at once to make repairs.

E. J. STACHELBERG CHALLENGED.

To a Duel by a Reader in His Tampa Fa-
ctory—He Will Ignore the Invitation.

TAMPA, Fla., Aug. 26.—Edgar J. Stachel-
berg, a member of the cigar manufacturing
firm of M. Stachelberg & Co., operating
factories in New York, Tampa and Key
West, and who married Millie James, the
actress, has been challenged to a duel by
J. Buttrill, a reader in his factory here.
Buttrill publishes his challenge in lurid
terms in to-day's issue of *El Internacional*,
the official organ of the Spanish speaking
cigar makers of this city.

On Thursday Buttrill was reading to cigar
makers in the Stachelberg factory extracts
from the alleged anarchistic paper *Tierra*
published in Havana, in which violent
language was used against Tampa cigar
manufacturers and in which cigar makers
were urged to go on strike.

Stachelberg ordered the reading of such
literature stopped. The cigar makers
made a demonstration and demanded that
their reader be allowed to read anything
in print. The demand was refused and all
the 300 men walked out. Stachelberg
will pay no attention to the challenge.
Police were placed about the factory to-day
to prevent disorder.

FOR NEW SOUTH AMERICAN PORT.

United States Capital to Have Some Share
in \$40,000,000 Project.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—Americans are now
taking a hand in what is probably one of the
biggest schemes ever proposed for the
development of South America. The port of
Buenos Ayres being too shallow to admit big
steamers, a concession was recently granted
to Arturo Castano for the construction of
a new port in the Bay of Samborombon,
fifty miles toward the Atlantic along the
River Plata.

The scheme involves an expenditure of
about \$40,000,000. Most of this amount has
already been underwritten in Paris. The
bankers Baring and Co. have already ad-
vanced \$1,500,000 for the construction
of the port, the contract for which has been
undertaken by the firm of Wills & Man-
chester. Separate subsidiary companies
are now being formed for reclamation
works, the construction of a canal and
township and a big system of railways,
which will radiate inland in all directions
and connect existing lines with Buenos
Ayres.

One of the companies will be for fur-
nishing electric lighting and power, over
which it is understood the General Electric
Company will assume control.

WARRANT OUT FOR MADDEN.

Sentenced to Serve Thirty Days and Pay
\$250 for Contempt—Deputies After Him.

John E. Madden, the well known turfman,
was adjudged guilty of contempt of court
by Supreme Court Justice Burr in Brooklyn
yesterday and sentenced to serve thirty
days in jail and to pay a fine of \$250 for
failing to obey an order of the court. This
directed him to appear before a commis-
sioner in Saratoga county and give testi-
mony in a suit for divorce brought against
him by his wife, Annie Louise Madden, in
the local courts.

Mrs. Madden sought to obtain infor-
mation regarding her husband's income, and
a commission was appointed to take his
testimony in Saratoga county, but Mr.
Madden, acting on the advice of his counsel,
refused to be sworn. Then the present
proceedings were taken to have him ad-
judged guilty of contempt of court.

While Mrs. Madden is suing her husband
for a divorce in Ohio he is also suing her
for a divorce in Kentucky, where he alleges
he has a legal residence. A bench warrant
was issued for Madden's arrest. It was
given to Sheriff Esterberg to serve, and
yesterday afternoon he sent four deputies
to look for Mr. Madden.

SPECIAL INSPECTOR FIRED.

George F. Wilson Impeached in the Senate
Mitchell Land Fraud Cases.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Special Inspector
George F. Wilson of the Interior Depart-
ment was dismissed to-day by Secretary
Hitchcock on account of disclosures made
during the investigation of the charges
against Senator Mitchell of Oregon.

Some of the witnesses examined during
that investigation testified that Wilson had
promised for a consideration to make
favorable recommendations in some land
cases in which they were interested, one of
them declaring Wilson had been paid \$300
in one instance.

Wilson admitted to the authorities that
he had received the money, but declared
that he had taken it to entrap the man,
and the amount was to be returned to him.
This explanation was not considered satis-
factory, and Wilson was removed. He was
appointed from Rhode Island.

SENATOR PLATT'S CLAMBAKE.

Entertains Neighbors at His Orange County
Summer Lodge—Mrs. Platt Assists.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Aug. 26.—United
States Senator Thomas C. Platt gave a
clambake to-day at his Toga summer
lodge on the shores of Cromwell Lake, at
Central Valley, Orange county. The bake
was an informal affair. Twenty-five of
the Senator's neighbors were present.

The bake was served on the lawn near
the Senator's bungalow. Mr. Platt was
in a happy mood and enjoyed the affair
fully. Mrs. Platt assisted the Senator in
entertaining his neighbors.

ROOSEVELT PLAN
BEFORE ENVOYSPresident Suggests Basis of
Peace Which Keeps the
Conference Open.

WILL MEET AGAIN MONDAY.

Has Strongly Urged Russians to
Accept Japan's Offer of
Sale of Sakhalin.

Roosevelt's Suggestions Said to Be Such
as Would Recieve Support of All Neutral
Powers—Czar Said to Have Offered
Half of Sakhalin Island and to Pay for
Keep of Prisoners, but No Indemnity.

—Witte and Komura Talk Over Terms
After Transaction of Routine Business.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 26.—The vital
question of whether there shall be peace
or war between Russia and Japan depends
for settlement mainly on the amount of
influence President Roosevelt can bring
to bear upon the two belligerents. He
does not hold the key to the situation, but
to him belongs the credit of having pre-
vented a rupture of the Portsmouth con-
ference which would mean a resumption
of the Far Eastern hostilities.

Had it not been for the strenuous ef-
forts of the President the break would
have come to-day. As it was, there has
been an adjournment of the conference until
Monday to give Mr. Roosevelt the oppor-
tunity of making further representations.

PRESIDENT SUGGESTS BASIS FOR PEACE.

There is the highest authority for the
statement that the President has within the
last three or four days made a definite pro-
posal to both Russia and Japan to be used
as a basis for the adjustment of their differ-
ences. While the details of this important
move on the President's part are not dis-
closed, it is admitted that it is of a character
so entirely sane and reasonable that the
Powers of Europe would virtually insist
upon its acceptance by the two warring
nations if they knew of its character and
scope.

But for the present Mr. Roosevelt is
working entirely with Russia and Japan,
neither of whom, however, is yet willing to
bring forward the President's plan of settle-
ment, partly for the reason that it is con-
trary to the basis upon which they have
been negotiating and partly because, if the
details of the matter became public, there
would be an immediate insistence on the
part of the neutral Powers that the belliger-
ents get together in accordance with the
suggestions outlined from Oyster Bay.

The understanding obtained here with
regard to the President's proposition is
that it was made known to the respective
envoys through their Governments. This
appears to account for the positive state-
ments of those in authority on the Russian
side that Mr. Roosevelt confined his com-
munications to the plenipotentiaries to a
general tender of good offices and did not
make any specific suggestions.

SITUATION FREELY DISCUSSED.

But whether the President in his direct
exchanges with the envoys did or did not
make any specific propositions is now a
matter of no consequence in the knowl-
edge that a plan prepared and endorsed
by him has been placed before Mr. Witte
and Baron Komura and has received the
most serious consideration.

It is a fact, however, that in the week
that has passed since President Roosevelt
had his interview at Oyster Bay with Baron
Rosen, Mr. Witte's colleague, the President
has had a comprehensive correspondence
by telegraph and through the medium of
special messengers with both Russian and
Japanese envoys, in which every point of
difference was discussed in the minutest
detail in a free and frank manner and in this
exchange of views the President did not
hesitate to suggest what he regarded as
reasonable means for a common understand-
ing on the part of the two belligerents.

IN HIS communications to the Russians
setting forth his reason why there should
be peace made at Portsmouth the Presi-
dent spoke plainly. He said with frank-
ness that Russia had been beaten; and
could gain nothing by going on with the
war.

In the name of humanity he appealed for
peace and made it clear that he believed the
Japanese were showing a moderation which
Russia should meet half way by assenting
to buy back territory formerly belonging
to Russia but now held by Japanese troops.
What more was said by the President,
particularly that part of his proposal which
is expected to meet with the approval
of the world, will probably be disclosed
shortly unless the belligerents manage to
make up their differences and agree upon
the terms of a peace treaty in the mean-
time.

The Russians here are not pleased over
the President's attitude. They hold that
he has gone to great lengths in an effort to
induce them to pay for the costs of the
war.

All the evidence now at hand shows that
the President did not for a moment aban-
don his humanitarian aim to keep his eye
on the human side and to secure peace.

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don his efforts to clear away the obstacles
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